

MEETING MINUTES

LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022
1:30 P.M.

LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION, SUITE C
3060 VALLEY CREEK DRIVE, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70808

A meeting of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Board was held Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Louisiana Assessors' Association Office, located at 3060 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge LA 70808. The following members were present: President Lance Futch, Vice President Jeffrey Gardener, Treasurer Gabe Marceaux and Members Michael Bealer, Lee Brown, Conrad Comeaux, Richard Earl, Irby Gamble, Glenda Gaspard, Louis Hebert, Charlie Henington, Jimbo Stevenson, Glenn Waguespack and Erroll Williams. Absent were members Representative Phillip DeVillier, Phyllis Mendoza and Senator Ed Price.

Following the roll call, prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and the Public Comment period, wherein no members of the public spoke, the first item for discussion on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Glenn Waguespack and seconded by Erroll Williams, all approved, and the motion to approve the minutes, passed.

The February 28, 2022 Financial Report was delivered by Staff Accountant, Anna Wessman. The Balance Sheet and Income Statement were provided. Following is a summary:

	As of February 28, 2022	Current Month this Year	Year to Date this FY
Total Assets	\$ 534,899,061.98		
Total Liabilities	\$ 86,111.71		
Total Capital	\$534,812,950.27		
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$534,899,061.98		
Total Revenue		(\$10,022,495.63)	\$ 6,439,423.41
Total Expenses		\$ 2,152,026.35	\$ 11,547,638.52
Net Income		(\$12,174,521.98)	(\$ 5,108,215.11)

The Financials were approved with a motion by Erroll Williams and a second by Jimbo Stevenson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of the required upgrade of the current software, AHRMS, used to process Retirement and Insurance records. The Executive Director reported that the original software, purchased from Exigo, ten years ago, is now utilized by two other retirement systems, The Clerks and the State Police Associations. The total upgrade cost of approximately \$93,000 would be shared equally by the three Associations. In January 2022 the Board of Directors of the Assessors' Association provided approval to proceed with the upgrade, but requested that both the Retirement

and Insurance Funds reimburse the Association for the expense. When originally purchased, the software was added as an Asset to the Association. Charlie Henington made a motion to approve the funding for the software, with the Retirement Fund paying one half of the total costs to the Association. Glenn Waguespack provided a second to the motion, and after discussion, the motion passed.

A report on the 1st Quarter 2022 Retirement System Refunds, Transfers, Reciprocals, Retirements and Deaths was provided by the Executive Director. A motion to approve the report was provided by Glenda Gaspard. The motion was seconded by Louis Hebert and all were in favor and the motion carried.

Hawthorn, Waymouth and Carroll, Auditors of the Retirement system, provided reports on the LARF Financial Audit and Employer Pension Audit as of the fiscal year ending, September 30, 2021. Following the presentation of both reports, there was a motion by Lee Brown and a second by Jimbo Stevenson to approve both the Financial and Employer Pension Audits. Without any opposition, the motion passed, and the reports were approved.

The next item on the Agenda was a presentation by the AndCo, Investment Consultant, Jon Breth. Mr. Breth provided a review of the Preliminary Portfolio Performance through March 31, 2022. The Total Fund return for the first quarter 2022 was -4.81%, the fiscal year to date return was -0.97% and the 1 year return is 4.12%. As a recap of the Fiscal Year to Date Market Value of the fund, the current Preliminary March 31, 2022, total fund is \$525,163,950.

Investment Jon Breth discussed and recommended a rebalancing entry and with a motion by Conrad Comeaux and a second by Glenn Waguespack, authority was provided to move 3% or \$15 million from Foreign Equities to Alternatives. The committee approved with a unanimous vote and the motion passed.

A revised Investment Policy Statement, reflecting the updated actuarially required rate of return of 5.50% and the target total nominal rate of return of 5.75% was presented by the Investment Consultant. Authority was provided to accept and execute the new Investment Policy with a motion by Louis Hebert and a second by Charlie Henington. The motion passed without objection.

Jon Breth then presented an educational discussion of Private Debt.

The next item on the agenda, was a presentation and discussion by Greg Curran, with G. S. Curran & Company, LTD. Mr. Curran reviewed the September 30, 2021 LARF Valuation Report and presented the Employer Pension Report. The assumed rate of return for the valuation was reduced from 5.75% to 5.50%. The Valuation report was presented and approved in the January 25, 2022 Quarterly meeting, pending PRSAC approval. The GASB Report or the Employer Pension Report was approved with a motion by Jimbo Stevenson and a second by Erroll Williams. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Retirement System Attorney, Denise Akers, provided an update on 2022 Legislation, specifically related to HB 25 by Representative McCormick, which prohibits retirement

systems from investing in companies that boycott energy companies and HCR 11 relative to the Government Pension offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. Louis Hebert offered a motion to refer HB 25 to the Assessors' Association Legislative Committee, opposing HB 25. The motion was seconded by Lee Brown and the motion passed, as all were in favor. Richard Earl offered a motion to refer HCR 11 to the Assessors' Association Legislative Committee, supporting HCR 11. The motion was seconded by Erroll Williams and the motion passed as all were in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Retirement Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Henington, seconded by Louis Hebert and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned.